



# Wollaton Park Golf Club

Newsletter - Summer 2009



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER - ROBIN BOW

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### Dress Code - both on and off the course.....!

The club's Dress Code currently in place has remained largely unchanged for many years. These rules are in place so we might at least attempt to maintain a degree of uniformity that we, as members, generally feel is an acceptable standard of dress - in keeping with the overall high standards we strive to achieve here at WPGC.

In an attempt to clarify the basics with regard to the Dress Code copies of a new poster have been posted on notice boards around the clubhouse showing what is and is not acceptable. Full details about the Dress Code can be found on a separate document also posted around the clubhouse.

Visiting societies will be sent a copy of this poster along with the detailed Dress Code document.

I must start with congratulating Peter Dion, Chairman of Greens, his Committee and all the ground staff for their dedication in preparing the course again to a standard that is still receiving accolades from all who play it. You, the members, have something to be proud of here, and it also helps to bring in much needed income for the Club from green fees and visitors.

The Golf Club has to be managed along with providing a balanced social side, and this is down to our Secretary, Avril, and her assistant, Jane, who co-ordinate all golf and social events, along with the Treasurer, Reg Carter, who has worked very hard in controlling the expenditure.

Peter Morley is responsible for our social events and, through his enthusiasm, attendances at these are improving. These social events are well served by our Steward and Caterer, John and Sue Riley, and their staff, for which I thank them.

Brian Ross, my Vice-Captain, has worked incredibly hard as Chairman of House; there are always so many jobs that need attention.

Unfortunately, due to a few health problems, I have been unable to play much golf this year, and again I must thank Brian and Phil Pallant for taking my place in the Club matches.

With my reduced activity on the golf course, I have been able to support the InterClub and Scratch Team matches, both home and away. My thanks to Gary Shepherd for organising these.

My Captain's Outing to Lincoln Golf Club was a really enjoyable day. Captain's Day was also enjoyable and very well supported.

Charity Sunday was slightly disappointing with the number of players participating, but the magnificent sum of £500 was raised for Maggies.

Finally, the Captains' 9 hole roll-ups on Tuesday evenings have proved very successful. The final results for the overall winners – gentleman, lady and junior – will be posted on the respective notice boards and prizes will be presented on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the social evening, when a cheque will also be presented to Maggies.

I offer my sincere thanks to you all.

Robin Bow

## LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT ROSEMARY BOW

The golfing season is now well underway and, although the weather has been very unsettled, we have managed to play most competitions with just one or two having to be re-arranged.

My Captain's Day was a lovely occasion and this was followed a week later by "Charity Day" when the marvellous sum of £900 was raised – and this was whilst I was unexpectedly hospitalised!! My sincere thanks go to all the ladies for their support that day.

Our InterClub Mixed Foursomes teams are doing extremely well and have now reached the final. Well done and good luck.

May I wish you all continued success with your golf for the rest of the season – with hopefully some drier and sunnier weather.

Rosemary Bow

## HOUSE AND SOCIAL FROM BRIAN ROSS

Certain minor changes to our clubhouse have progressed in the form of an extended visitors changing room necessitating re-siting our club notice boards. New carpet tiles have been fitted and these have also been extended into the corridor area and the members' locker rooms.

The bar refurbishment is well under way and when completed should look more presentable.

Socials have been better attended, with the Irish Nite being a great success. The BBQ, with the food being cooked by committee members, went very well - decent weather to boot.

At present we are arranging a Candlelit Supper for the 19th September, an Autumn Ball and a Beaujolais Evening. Please support us whenever possible and help continue to revive our social spirit in the club.

Brian Ross, Vice Captain

## CONGU: INACTIVE/ACTIVE HANDICAPS

### IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING HANDICAPS ACTIVE / INACTIVE HANDICAPS for 2010

Under the CONGU Unified Handicapping System, all players are required to have submitted **3 qualifying scores during the calendar year 2009** to avoid having an "inactive" handicap for 2010. An "inactive" handicap will be flagged with the indicator (i) on handicap lists and certificates.

Players whose handicap has become "inactive" will be required to return 3 qualifying scores during 2010 before the (i) indicator is removed. Qualifying scores cannot be carried over from 2009 to 2010.

"Active" handicaps will be required for entry to trophy, cup, prize table and open events – this CONGU ruling will replace the Club's current ruling whereby players must have played in 3 club qualifying competitions in the previous 12 month period.

Inactive handicaps can still be used for social golf and for those competitions for which an active handicap is not required. Scores from players with inactive handicaps will be used in the calculation of the CSS.

Clubs will have the discretion to exempt players from an inactive handicap – for example – prolonged injury / illness, transferring from another club, and new members.

The requirement of 3 qualifying scores will be reviewed by EGU / EWGA during 2010 to consider if this should be increased for the following year.

**Members are therefore advised that if they wish to play in cup, trophy, prize table or open competitions during 2010, then they should ensure that they have played in 3 singles qualifying competitions during 2009.**

(If you are unsure as to how many you have already played in, please ask the Club Secretary for your playing history record.)

Avril Jamieson, Club Secretary

29 July 2009

### **Inter Club Mixed Foursomes – we're in the final !**

Congratulations to our mixed foursomes team – Jeanna Parton, Phil Slaney, Jayne Lazell and Sam Clarke – who won against Rushcliffe in their semi-final on 10 August and now go through to the final against Coxmoor (who beat the holders Mapperley).

On the way to the semi-final, Wollaton Park beat Bulwell Forest, Stanton and Radcliffe.

The final will be played on Sunday 27 September at Chilwell Manor (the 2009 county course) teeing off at 8.30 am.

Please come along and support your team – all welcome !

**May I thank all those members who have supported the new ball washers and fairway discs. Your support has been fantastic. Hopefully we have now upgraded the profile of this Club in Nottinghamshire to a higher level.**

Brian Ross, Vice Captain

## CO UR SE IT MAT TE RS FROM PETER DION AND STEVE PARTON

So far we have had another season with the course in such excellent condition that the vast majority of members, visitors and even professional players have been more than complimentary.

Touching wood and given a fair go with the weather (intermittent rain required) we should see the playing season out successfully. The last two seasons have been a vindication of the policy of providing our Greens Staff with the best machinery we can afford, and having it regularly expertly maintained to manufacturer's recommended schedules. It is now obvious – paraphrasing Winston Churchill – that if we give our staff the tools, they can finish the job excellently !

The Winter Work Programme has now been finalised and this will start early October – the following areas have been identified :

Bunker works on 4<sup>th</sup> left hand greenside, 3<sup>rd</sup> right hand greenside, 16<sup>th</sup> fairway, 13<sup>th</sup> right hand greenside, 1<sup>st</sup> fairway; re-level and extend 18<sup>th</sup> tee; extend paths to front of 7<sup>th</sup> tee and front/rear of 9<sup>th</sup> tee with geoblock; drainage works to right hand side of 6<sup>th</sup> green; repairs to boundary fencing; reposition marker post 12<sup>th</sup> tee; clean up compound area and paint inside workshop.

In addition, we are actively investigating various sands for the bunkers. Members have been complaining about this for quite some time but little has been effected largely due to the potential costs involved. Once an alternative has been agreed, it is planned to trial this in one or more bunkers so that it can be monitored and tested by members over a suitable time period.

**Peter Dion, Chairman GMH**

## Competitions and Matches

### Club Champion 2009 – James Burton

Twenty six members competed in this year's Club Championship – a 36 hole scratch competition - on 21 June, aged from fifteen years old upwards!

The winner – and the 2009 Club Champion – was James Burton (aged 18) who plays off 1 – with a scratch score of 146. Hot on his heels was his younger brother, Luke (15) who plays off 2 with 147, and pipped into 3<sup>rd</sup> place also with 147 was Gary Shepherd (slightly older!)

In the subsidiary net competition, Simon Cowan playing off 9 was 1<sup>st</sup> with 135 net, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Hamsher off 11 with 136, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Carlos Wallace off 11 with 140.



Left to right - Luke Burton, Gary Shepherd, Robin Bow and James Burton

Other prizewinners were : best round 1 gross Iain Davidson (73), best round 2 gross Seb Thompson (71), best round 1 net Perry Evans (69), best round 2 net Richard Burton (69), and also the very proud Dad of James and Luke – it was Father's Day, after all !

### Wollaton Stag 2009

The 2009 Wollaton Stag was oversubscribed with a record entry – the maximum of 66 players took part in this 36 hole scratch competition – and we still had a list of reserves. Testament, surely, to the condition and presentation of the course – word travels fast amongst these guys!

The winner was Ross Overton of Coxmoor with 65 + 67 = 132, six shots ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ashley Mason of Glen Gorse with 138, and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mark Betteridge of Coxmoor with 139, 4<sup>th</sup> Chris Webb of Birstall with 140, 5<sup>th</sup> Tim Hurrell of Wollaton Park with 140.

Mrs Pat Freeman, daughter-in-law of Manny Freeman who donated the Stag trophy in 1968, joined us for the presentation.

Special thanks to all Greens staff who worked late on the Saturday evening and very early on the Sunday morning to prepare the course – especially Martin Scothern, our Assistant Head Greenkeeper, who did 54 holes that day – 18 holes working on the course, followed by 36 holes playing in the comp – a very creditable 14<sup>th</sup> place with rounds of 76 and 71 – and a very, very long day !!

**Visit the Club's website at [www.wollatonparkgolfclub.com](http://www.wollatonparkgolfclub.com) now!**

## COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES

### Scratch Team are Division 2 Champions !

Our NUGC Scratch League team are champions of Division 2 this season and will be promoted to Division 1 next season. After winning their penultimate match on 17 August against Bulwell Forest, they were 6 points ahead with a match in hand (away against Nottingham City on 7 September).

Congratulations and well done to all our scratch team players – Gary Shepherd, Tim Hurrell, Barry Everington, Ian Tilson, Francis Stephens, Richard Burton, James Burton and Luke Burton.

### PRO's PROSE - John Lower

This year has been a tough year to date with the recession affecting business, but I would like to thank you the members for your continued support. I have been kept busy with my coaching and am thinking of arranging some group coaching for beginners through the winter. Please let me know if you know anyone who is interested. Finally, congratulations to Wollaton Park G.C. juniors who seem to be going from strength to strength.

### New Year's Eve Ball

#### New Year's Eve Ball – Yes or No?

Committee are currently discussing this year's New Year's Eve celebrations.

Last year was extremely disappointing – with no names on the ticket list by mid December, we had no option but to cancel the New Year's Eve Ball. Several members then told us – albeit too late - that they had intended to come but had not yet put their names up.

Our social events need the support from members, so we are asking **you** if **you** want a New Year's Eve Ball this year - please use the House & Social Suggestions Book in the Lounge to give us your views. If there is sufficient support, then we will go ahead. **It's up to you!**

### JUNIOR'S SECTION

Our Junior League team is currently sitting midway in Division 2 in the NUGC Junior League, having played 5 matches (won 2 home games, lost 3 away games). Interestingly, no team in our division has won away from home this season. We still have 2 matches to play – both at home – against Norwood Park on 13 September and Retford on 11 October, so we hope to improve our standing in the division.

Junior coaching sessions on Fridays at 5.30 pm are run by John Lower and Ian Tilson. Numbers are disappointing with 8 – 10 boys and girls taking part each week – there's something for everyone, so please come along and join in.

The Ross Trophy – sponsored by David and Brian Ross – attracted a fantastic turnout of 53 juniors this year, from Wollaton Park, Beeston Fields, Chilwell Manor and Bulwell Forest – 28 with handicaps and 25 without handicaps (who played a 9 hole comp). There were some great performances from Wollaton Park juniors – in the 18 hole handicap comp the overall winner was Chris Hurrell with 46 points. Other worthy scores were Sam Gould 44, Laura Morris 42, Josh Morris 38, Jack Broughton 39 and Elliott Limb 38. The 9 hole non handicap comp was won by Andrew McCarthy with 22 points.

The latter part of this season is a busy time for our juniors – as well as the league team matches, we host the NUGC Henderson & Carlisle Trophies on 6 September with juniors from all over the county competing for Scratch and Handicap trophies and Wollaton Park juniors also playing for their own Scratch and Handicap trophies. On 27 September is the Junior Masters Hoffman Trophy sponsored by Tony Hoffman, for Wollaton Park juniors only, an 18 hole scratch/net comp and a 9 hole comp for non-handicappers. Make sure you send in your entry forms on time.

And the summer matchplay leagues – the MJS Rush Cup and the Secretary's Salver – need to be completed **by 30 September**.

Avril Jamieson

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS - Organised by your Committee for YOU!

Saturday 19 September  
Thursday 1 October

Saturday 3 October  
Thursday 15 October

Saturday 7 November

Saturday 14 November  
Friday 20 November

**Candlelit Supper with Paul Hollis on Saxophone**

**Sportsman's Dinner with Duncan McKenzie -**  
Organised by Sunday Scrubbers with all proceeds to the City Hospital Oncology Unit in memory of Karen Slade

**Autumn Ball with 'Memory Lane'**

**Prizegiving Evening -** Mansfield AmAm, Autumn Meeting, Captain's 9 Hole Comps and presentation of cheque to 'Maggie's' the Captains Charity

**Incoming Captains' Evening with 'The Jimmy Willan Connection'**

**Quiz Night - the first of the season**  
**Beaujolais Evening 'a la Francais'**



**LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AND SIGN UP ON THE LISTS IN THE LOUNGE**